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TAGS: PORG, OCON, UNESCO, US

SUBJECT: UNESCO 97TH EXBD: ITEMS 4.1 AND 3.1

1. MAY 16 PROGRAM COMMISSION ADOPTED ITS REPORT TO

PLENARY ITEMS 4.1.1, 4.7.1, 4.3.1 AND 4.4.1, AS WELL AS
4.3.2, 7.1 AND 7.3, 7.6 AND 7.8.

2. REPORT WILL CONTAIN FOLLOWING PARA 9 DRAFTED BY US: QUOTE: AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITEM 4.1.1, ONE MEMBER EXPLAINED HIS VOTE ON THE RESOLUTIONS INVITING STATES TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES. HE FOCUSED IN PARTICULAR ON THE EXPLANATION OF HIS NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE TWO RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING INVITATIONS TO A MEETING OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS AND TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE EXTENDED TO EUROPEAN AND ARAB STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF HIGHER STUDIES AND DEGREES. HE STRESSED THE EMPHASIS GIVEN BY THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE TO THE "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE WHEREBY EVERY MEMBER STATE HAD THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND REGULARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES," OBSERVING THAT THE FAILURE OF THE RESOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE INVITATIONS TO ISRAEL, ONE OF THE STATES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, UNDERLINED THE ANOMALOUS SITUATION NOW EXISTING IN UNESCO. HE ADDED THAT INTELLECTUALS AND ACADEMICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FURTHER DISCRIMINATORY DECISION TAKEN IN CONTRADICTION TO UNESCO'S PRINCIPLES.

HE ALSO EXPLAINED HIS ABSTENTION ON OTHER RESOLUTIONS ON ITEMS 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.3.1 AND 4.4.1 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT INVOLVING INVITATIONS TO THE LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS AS BASED UPON UNITED STATES RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF INVITING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN TECHNICAL CONVERENCES. HE NOTED THAT HIS ABSTENTION ON THE RESOLUTION INVOLVING THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WAS ALSO RELATED TO THE

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SECRETARIAT'S ADDITION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO THE LIST OF INVITEES. HE CONCLUDED COMMENDING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HIS EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO FOCUS THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS BASIC PURPOSES, URGING THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT HIM IN THIS EFFORT. END QUOTE.

3. AMBASSADOR EL-WAKIL, AS PART OF DEBATE ON COMMISSION REPORT AMENDED SUMMARY OF HIS MAY 9 STATEMENT IN THE REPORT TO ADD FINAL SENTENCE "NOTHING WOULD IMPEDE ISRAEL TO ADHERE TO A CONVENTION WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES". EXPERIENCED UNESCO HANDS ATTACH CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS STATEMENT. VAN USSEL, BELGIUM, TOLD PERMREP JONES HE BELIEVED IT TO BE OF "HISTORIC" SIGNIFICANCE. THIS

SENTIMENT WAS ECHOED BY BERNARD DE HOOG, NETHERLANDS, WHO IS ATTENDING SESSION. HE TOLD US THAT WHEN HE CHECKED WITH WAKIL, WAKIL CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN MEETING OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS (OCTOBER 13-17) IN HELSINKI TO CONSIDER CONVENTION ON EUROPEAN STATE DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY AND THAT HIS POSITION HAD BEEN TAKEN WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ARAB GROUP.

4. INTERPRETATION IS THAT EGYPT, AND PRESUMABLY OTHER ARAB STATES, WOULD NO LONGER OBJECT TO ISRAEL'S BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF THE EUROPEAN REGION. ALTHOUGH EL WAKIL MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT DURING COMMISSION DEBATE IT WAS NOT RECORDED IN THE SUMMARY REPORT. HIS INTERVENTION TO INSURE IT BEING INCLUDED IN WRITTEN RECORDS INDICATES IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO IT AND PROBABILITY THAT EL WAKIL WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTION.

5. FRENCH DEPUTY PERMREP CHESNEAU INDICATED AT MORNING SESSION IN CONVERSATION WITH JONES THAT WHEN REPORT ADOPTED IN PLENARY AFTERNOON MAY 21 HE MIGHT WELL BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SEPARATE VOTES ON FIRST TWO RESOLUTIONS UNDER 4.1.1 IN ORDER TO REGISTER OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN ALM'S TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS. HOWEVER, IN LATER CONVERSATION, CHESNEAU STATED HE WAS PERSONALLY AGAINST CONFIDENTIAL

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REOPENING THE VOTE AND WOULD URGE HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO DO SO. CONVERSATIONS WITH WE'S ELICITED THAT THEY THINK IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR THE FRENCH TO RE-OPEN THE VOTE AND THEY HAVE PROBABLY CONVEYED THIS TO THEM.

6. FRENCH MOVE COULD OPEN UP SEPARATE VOTING SO THAT WE MAY, IF DESIRED, SEEK SEPARATE VOTE ON SUCCEEDING TWO RESOLUTIONS UNDER 4.1.1 ON MEDITERRANEAN MEETING AND CONFERENCE, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF OTHERS DID SO. WE DO NOT EXPECT VOTE WOULD PRODUCE MUCH CHANGE ALTHOUGH ISRAELI ACTIVITY MAY YIELD A FEW MORE ABSTENSIONS. WITH LIKELY PRESS ATTENDANCE, SEPARATE VOTE WILL HIGHLIGHT ISRAELI ISOLATION.

7. OUR EFFORT TO GET SOME HELPFUL LANGUAGE INTO SEPARATE SECTION OF BOARD RESOLUTION ON DG'S REPORT IS PROCEEDING. CHAIRMAN OF DRAFTING GROUP APPEARS RECEPTIVE TO FOLLOWING SUGGESTION JONES PASSED TO HER MAY 16: QUOTE: THE BOARD MAY WISH TO REFLECT AND SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED ELOQUENTLY BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ON MAY 13 AND THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MAY 15 FOR HEALING THE DIVISIONS AND TENSIONS ARISING FROM THE LAST SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. IT MAY WISH FURTHER TO ENDORSE THEIR CALLS FOR UNDERSTANDING, MUTUAL TOLERANCE,

AND WILLINGNESS FOR DIALOGUE IN THE PURSUIT
OF CONCERTED ACTION TO REMOVE THESE TENSIONS AND TO FIND
JUST SOLUTIONS. IT MAY WISH TO NOTE THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL'S REMARKS THAT "INTERDEPENDENCE CANNOT BE BASED
ON INEQUALITY" AND TO ENDORSE FULL AND EQUAL PARTICI-
PATION OF ALL MEMBER STATES IN THE WORK AND ACTIVITY OF
UNESCO AS A GOAL AND OBJECTIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION
ITSELF. END QUOTE.

8. IF THIS EFFORT SUCCESSFUL, WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND
BUILDING UP AND ACCENTING DG, BOARD CHAIRMAN, AND
BOARD EXPRESSIONS OF THIS TYPE AND NOT ACCENTING FURTHER
THE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE BY CALLING FOR SEPARATE
VOTE.

9. FOLLOWING SUCH STRATEGY, WE WOULD ABSTAIN ON REST
OF SECTIONS 4.1.1, 4.7.1, 4.3.1 AND 4.4.1 OF PROGRAM
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COMMISSION REPORT MAKING A BRIEF STATEMENT AT END TO
EFFECT THAT HAD THERE BEEN SEPARATE VOTING WE WOULD HAVE
OPPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON MEDITERRANEAN MEETING AND CON-
FERENCE FOR REASONS CONTAINED IN PARA 9 OF REPORT.

10. IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT ON ITEM 3.1 SAME AFTERNOON,
WE WOULD POINT UP SECTION OF RESOLUTION ON DG REPORT
WHICH WE ARE STIMULATING. WE WOULD CITE IT AND THE
SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY THE DG AND BOARD CHAIRMAN AS
APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOR THE COMING MONTHS AND FOR THE
SECRETARIAT APPROACH BOTH TO HEALING EXISTING TENSIONS
AND HANDLING FUTURE CONFERENCES.

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